

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Group I, claims 1-3, 11-13 and 19-20 (drawn to a device containing a web conveyor including a drive wheel and a follower wheel, a knock lever mechanism, an article detector, a treadle including a web guide plate and a guide strip, and a kinematic linkage); Group II, claims 1, 4-9, and 11-12 (drawn to a device containing a web conveyor including a drive wheel and a follower wheel, a knock lever mechanism, an article detector, a treadle including a web guide plate and a guide strip, and guide members); Group III, claims 10 and 14-17 (drawn to a device containing an article detector and a treadle including a web guide plate and a guide strip); and Group IV, claim 18 (drawn to a device containing a web conveyor including a drive wheel and a follower wheel and a knock lever mechanism). Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 10 and 14-17, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-9 and 18-20 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 21-32 have been entered herein and are directed to the Group III subject matter. Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw claims 11-13 awaiting the allowance of an independent base claim.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications covering the non-elected claims 1-9 and 18-20.

Amendment has also been made to the specification to correct missing information and typographical errors in paragraph 0001, 0043 and 0049.

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CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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